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FOR NEA/PAB - AUSTRIAN FROM TED CURRAN

1. PLEASE PUT A COPY OF THIS CABLE IN AIRMAIL SPECIAL
DELIVERY ENVELOPE AND SEND TO AMBASSADOR ELIOT IN CALIFORNIA.

2. FOR AMBASSADOR: WITH REFERENCE YOUR LETTER OF AUGUST 24
AND PROFESSOR FRYE'S VISIT, WE HAVE CHECKED AT THE
UNIVERSITY AND THERE IS NO PROPOSAL IN THE CURRENT SEVEN-
YEAR PLAN FOR A DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY ANCIENT HISTORY/
LANGUAGES.

3. UNIVERSITY CONSULTANT ZIYAZE SAID HE WOULD MENTION TO
RECTOR. ZIYAYEE SAID IF FOREIGN SUPPORT WAS AVAILABLE
"SOMETHING MIGHT BE WORKED OUT."

4. HABIBI AND KOHZAD HAVE NOT SUBMITTED A PROPOSAL FOR
CONSIDERATION AND SO A NEW DEPARTMENT PROBABLY IS NOT IN THE
CARDS FOR THE SHORT RUN.

5. SCARBOROUGH IS WORKING WITH AFAMEC AND BRUCE ALBRIGHT
TO FINANCE FRYE'S TRAVEL TO KABUL NEXT SPRING, BUT JOEL
IS COOL TO FUNDING AN EXTENDED STAY. MY SUGGESTION IS
THAT YOU SOUND OUT THE ASIA SOCIETY AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS
ON A POSSIBLE JOINT VENTURE. THEN WHEN YOU COME BACK AND
CALL ON THE RECTOR WITH THE PRESENTATION ALBUM FROM HIS
NEBRASKA TRIP, YOU COULD DISCUSS THE IDEA FURTHER.

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6. IF, AS A RESULT OF YOUR VISIT, KABUL UNIVERSITY SHOWS

A DEFINITE INTEREST AND WILL CONTRIBUTE RESOURCES, THEN
WE COULD USE THE FRYE VISIT AS THE BASIS TO PREPARE FOR A
THOROUGH DISCUSSION OF THE IDEA OF A NEW DEPARTMENT.

7. BEST REGARDS.
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